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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)
SUBJECT : CORONA Schedule
REFERENCE : Cable: [] 5570 (IN 68409)

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1. The reference is status report on MURAL, LANYARD and MURAL-J as of 7 March. On MURAL-J thermal shield design is reported six weeks late, electrical design two weeks late, and major structural manufacturing four weeks late due to work devoted to LANYARD.

2. Lockheed have issued a new schedule showing an "on schedule" condition with payload shipment to Vandenburg on 17 May rather than 12 May.

3. Only four days ago the NRO schedule called for a launch of J-1 on Agena 1162 on 21 May. The reference would indicate a launch for J-1 in June already filled with one LANYARD, one ARGON, and J-2 launch. This looks to me like a two week standing wave delay in J launch schedule.

4. You may want to discuss this with Dr. MacMillan. A decision may be in order to schedule a regular MURAL payload on Agena 1162 for a mid-May launch in order to overcome the crowding in June.

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5. [] will discuss this situation with Lockheed people tomorrow when he is in Palo Alto.

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